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- 25X1 1. [redacted] instruction on
25X1 chemical equipment and practical chemical warfare training. Two lectures on
25X1 impregnated protective clothing were given, and one and two-piece suits and
25X1 a rifleman's protective cape were shown to the EM at that time. The suits
25X1 and cape were light yellow and were unpleasant to the touch. Protective hip-
25X1 length boots were of the same color and had rubber heels and wooden soles.
The equipment was supposed to give protection against mustard gas. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted]
- 25X1 2. During these exercises there was also some instruction given on tear, poison,
25X1 choking, and blister gases. The [redacted] unit wore "Shlem" type gas
25X1 masks and were exposed for two minutes to a concentration of tear gas in an
underground bunker. [redacted]

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The "ghlem" gas mask used in the 2d Tank Regt. was of Soviet manufacture and consisted of a gray rubber face-piece, a corrugated hose, a canister, and a gas mask carrier. In the canister there were cotton, charcoal, and certain chemicals. A metal screw cap in the bottom of the canister, which had 15 swages, was detached when the gas mask was donned.

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3. Smoke pots that gave off greenish smoke were used on one occasion during the summer field exercises [REDACTED]

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4. In 1949 and 1950 it was SOP in the 2d Tank Regt. to have a gas mask day every Wednesday. Officers and EM of the 2d Tank Regt. in both the caserne and training areas had to have their gas masks on their persons from reveille to retreat. The signal for a gas alarm was a prolonged sounding of a siren. There was no chemical officer or specially trained chemical NCO in the regiment.

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